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19. The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising [physical security] means for collecting and transmitting data regarding physical security [transmitted] from a plurality of the individual communicating stations to a central security office over the plurality of branching nodes.